Thursday, March 19

5:30pm – 7:30pm  Registration Opens  
3rd Floor Grand Ballroom Registration Desk

6:00pm – 7:00pm  Welcome Reception  
Exhibit Hall – Grand Ballroom Salon 6 - 10

Friday, March 20

6:45am to 7:45am  Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting  
Essex A

Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting  
Essex C

7:00am to 8:00am  Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

8:00am to 10:00am  General Session I  
Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5

8:00am to 8:05am  Welcome  
Ronald Hyde, MD

8:05am to 8:25am  RPA Year in Review  
Jeffrey Perlmutter, MD

8:25am to 8:55am  RPA Advocacy Agenda  
Gain an understanding of current legislative and regulatory issues affecting nephrology practitioners.  
Robert Blaser

8:55am to 9:00am  Q&A

9:00am - 9:45am  Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative  
In July 2019 HHS announced an effort to improve kidney care in the US. The initiative proposes specific solutions to deliver on three goals: fewer patients developing kidney failure, fewer Americans receiving treatment in dialysis centers, and increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant. What does this mean for the nephrology community?  
Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan, Department of Health and Human Services

9:45am – 9:50am  Q & A
Friday, March 20 continued

9:50am to 10:00am  Presentation of Award: Distinguished Nephrologist

10:00am to 10:45am  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45am to 12:00pm  General Session II
  Grand Ballroom Salon 1 – 5

10:45am to 10:55 am  Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

10:55am to 11:20am  End-Stage Renal DiseaseTreatment Choices (ETC) Payment Model
CMS is proposing the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Choices (ETC) Mandatory Model to encourage greater use of home dialysis and kidney transplantation. Learn about the kidney community’s concerns with this proposal and how it may affect your practice.
Terry Ketchersid, MD

11:20am to 11:40am  Voluntary Payment Models
Hear a description of what the proposed voluntary payment models entail and what they might mean for the future of nephrology reimbursement and kidney patient care.
Jeffrey Giullian, MD

11:40am to 12:00pm  Panel Q & A

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Lunch on Your Own

12:00pm to 1:30pm  RPA PAC Board Meeting

12:00pm to 1:30pm  SIP Appreciation (invitation only)

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Satellite Lunch Symposium hosted by Industry

1:30pm to 2:30pm  General Session III
  Grand Ballroom Salon 1 – 5

1:30pm to 1:55pm  Maximizing the Pipeline for Renal Allografts
Discover ways to improve kidney allocation—keeping kidneys for kidney patients—to help achieve one of the goals of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative – increased kidney transplantation.
Krista Lentine, MD

1:55pm to 2:00pm  Q & A
Friday, March 20 Continued

2:00pm to 2:25pm  Helping Patients to Go Home: How to Grow a PD Program
Home treatment gives patients greater lifestyle flexibility and independence. Increasing home therapies is another goal of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative mandate.
Harry Giles, MD

2:25pm to 2:30pm  Q & A

2:30pm to 3:15pm  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Deep Dive into the New Payment Models
Gain a deeper understanding of the ETC and voluntary payment models. Learn the risks, challenges, pitfalls and benefits.
Terry Ketchersid, MD and Bryan Becker, MD
Essex

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Setting Up a Home Dialysis Program
Hear first-hand from your peers about the challenges and successes of implementing a home dialysis program.
Samaya Anumudu, MD, Arvind Garg, MD and Brent Miller, MD
Waterview CD

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians
Make sure your documentation properly reflects the work you are doing. If you don’t have good documentation you are setting yourself up for problems.
Diana Strubler
Waterview AB

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools
This presentation will cover a basic nephrology practice profit and loss statement; incorporate RPA benchmarking survey data to improve practice efficiencies; reports that should regularly be reviewed by physicians and administrators to avoid month-end “surprises;” and a mathematical approach to answer physician’s questions about maximizing their personal income.
David Fisher, MBA
Harbor A
Friday, March 20 Continued

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Concurrent BMT: The Value in CKD Education
Practical knowledge and experience implementing a CKD Education program within your practice including legal/billing requirements; time frames; and expected reimbursement for services provided to patients.
Alexander Liang, MD
Harbor B

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Engaging People Across the Spectrum of Kidney Disease
Principal, The Voice of the Patient Inc., and living with a kidney transplant shares his perspectives on how to engage your patients in their care.
Kevin Fowler
Essex

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Setting Up a Home Dialysis Program (repeated)
Waterview CD

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians (repeated)
Waterview AB

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools (repeated)
Harbor A

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Concurrent BMT: The Value in CKD Education (repeated)
Harbor B

5:30pm  Meeting Adjourns

5:30pm to 6:30pm  RPA PAC Reception (PAC Contributors only)
Raven

6:30pm to 8:30pm  AAKP Medal of Excellence Dinner (Ticket required, Visit AAKP for tickets)
Dover
Saturday, March 21

6:45am to 7:45am  Health Care Payment Open Committee Meeting  
**Essex A**  
Clinical Practice Open Committee Meeting  
**Essex C**

8:00am to 10:00am  **General Session IV**  
Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5

8:00am to 8:05am  **Opening Remarks**

8:05am to 8:10am  **Presentation of Award: Exemplary Practice**

8:10am to 8:50am  **Lessons Learned from ESCO: How to be Successful in Future Models of Care**  
Find out what the new framework for ESCO 2.0 will look like and how to apply lessons from the past, to be successful in the future.  
**Moderator: Edward Jones, MD**  
**Panelists: Timothy Pflederer, MD; Lawrence S. Weisberg, MD; J. Ganesh Bhat, MD**

8:50am to 10:00am  **Disruptive Innovation**  
Three different companies. Three different care delivery models. Hear new market strategies on how they are approaching kidney care.  
**Moderator: Gary Singer, MD**  
**Panelists: Bruce Culleton, MD; Carmen Peralta, MD, MAS; Shika Pappoe, MD**

10:00am to 10:45am  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45am to 12:00pm  **General Session V**  
Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5

10:45am to 10:50am  **Opening Remarks**

10:50am to 11:35am  **Louis Diamond Lecture**  
Ordinary Medicine: Extraordinary Treatments, Longer Lives and Where to Draw the Line  
Ordinary Medicine places nephrologists at the intersection of patients, modern technology and social/cultural attitudes about aging and life longevity. Get a unique perspective on the present and future of our specialty.  
**Sharon Kaufman, PhD**
Saturday, March 21 continued

11:35am to 12:00pm  **Walking Each Other Home: Strategies to Support our Patients with Advanced Kidney Disease**
   
   *It is a team effort when deciding end of life care for a patient. How do we do what they want us to do for them?*
   
   Ann O’Hare, MD

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Practice Administrator Luncheon

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

1:30pm to 2:30pm  **General Session VI**
   
   Grand Ballroom Salon 1 - 5

1:30pm to 2:15pm  **#NephTwitter**
   
   *Explore modern communications that are revolutionizing the nephrology community.*
   
   Joel M. Topf, MD, FACP, @Kidney_Boy

2:15pm to 2:30pm  **ABIM – MOC Town Hall**

2:30pm to 3:15pm  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:15pm to 4:15pm  **Catalyze Renal Practice Entrepreneurial Leadership**
   
   *Get a practical blueprint for improving performance by refining and streamlining workflow. Lean Six Sigma (LSS) is a proven practice that optimizes an organization’s return on investment (ROI) by reducing waste through the application of tools and practices for process efficiencies. The secondary benefits of team engagement and communication combine to make LSS a useful consideration for entrepreneurship and improvement opportunities in medical practice.*
   
   Brian O’Dea, CPA; Jack Rudnick, Jr, Ed.D; Shehnila Mahkri; Heather Dague, MD, Sue Weyforth and Antone Crasto
   
   Dover

3:15pm to 4:15pm  **Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020**
   
   *This session will discuss the most common drugs removed by hemodialysis (toxic alcohols, lithium, and salicylates), how to optimize dialysis for poisoning, and briefly review novel drugs of abuse that patients with AKI and CKD may be using.*
   
   Josh King, MD
   
   Waterview AB
Saturday, March 21 continued

3:15pm to 4:15pm  AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings
Does your practice employ Advanced Practitioners? Do you have an AP leader in place? This presentation will help address the need for effective AP leadership including the development of the AP leader role along with successful management of APs in nephrology practice settings.
Leah Smith, MSN APRN FNP-BC CNN-NP FNKF
Essex

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models
How to use your influence as an administrator to affect the direction of your practice in the context of the changing models of nephrology/CKD/transplant care.
David Arrieta, MBA CMPE SHRM-SCP
Harbor A

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal Dialysis Start
Hear perspectives from practice administrators from practices of various sizes about how they have utilized and implemented CCM, TCM, Ultrasound and Optimal Start programs.
Amanda Walker, MBA, BSN, CMPE and Anika Porter
Harbor B

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Cooking for Your Kidneys- Creating Flavor on a Low Sodium Diet
If you catch a whiff of flavorful aromas; that would be Dr. Blake Shusterman aka the Cooking Doc whipping up some Kidney Friendly Cuisine.
Waterview CD

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020 (repeated)
Waterview AB

4:30pm to 5:30pm  AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings (repeated)
Essex

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models (repeated)
Harbor A

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal Dialysis Start (repeated)
Harbor B

5:30pm  Meeting Adjourns
Sunday, March 22

8:00am to 11:00am  General Session VII

8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks

8:05am to 8:30am  Real World Management of Hyperkalemia-Utilizing RPA’s Kidney Quality Improvement Registry for Research

The RPA project on the Real-World Management of Hyperkalemia was designed to better understand clinical care patterns in managing non-acute hyperkalemia. Learn how RPA worked with nephrology practices to collect real world data.

Adam Weinstein, MD

8:30am to 8:50am  Panel Discussion

Moderator: Adam Weinstein, MD
Panelists: Nelson Koypt, DO and Lisa Simonton

8:50am to 9:00am  Q & A

9:00am to 9:25am  SGLT2 Inhibitors for the Prevention of Kidney Failure: Practical Considerations

Can SGLT2 inhibitors really protect kidney function? Reduce albuminuria? Who should prescribe them?

Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS

9:25am to 9:30am  Q & A

9:30am to 9:55am  Acute Interstitial Nephritis: New Suspects in a Previously Closed Case

As the incidence of AIN rises, nephrologists need new insights into mechanisms, diagnostic testing, and expansion of the list of culprit agents.

Tejas Desai, MD

9:55am to 10:00am  Q & A

10:00am to 10:50am  Nephrology Literature Review

Join this rapid-fire presentation to learn the latest news about clinical advances in nephrology.

Edgar Lerma, MD

10:50am to 10:55am  Q & A
Sunday, March 22 continued

8:00am to 11:00am  CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACK  
Grand Ballroom Salon 7

8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks  
Carole Ann Norman

8:05am to 8:55am  Practice Governance  
What are the requisite documents each practice should have as part of their practice governance? What is the most prevalent structure type?  
Jason Greis and Scott Downing

9:00am to 9:50am  Communication and Leadership  
Explore barriers to effective communication resulting from the different mental models used by physicians and managers, along with strategies to improve communication processes. The leadership models of transformational, shared, and servant leadership will be presented as alternatives to the traditional dyadic leadership structure.  
Jeff Stevey

9:55am to 10:45am  Billing and Audit Documentation  
Learn the billing do's and don'ts; experience with OIG audits; and documentation/billing requirements for ancillary services.  
Suzanne Leathers, RHIT CPMA CEMA CEMC and Tiffany Jones

10:50am to 11:00am  Closing Remarks

11:00am  Meeting Adjourns